

## Recommended Authors

Katherine Applegate

Beverly Cleary

Roald Dahl

Kate DiCamillo

Grace Lin

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# BEST BOOKS

## Books to Enjoy Together



Need a nighttime book for the whole family? Have a road trip coming up?

Check out these tried-and-true chapter books the entire family will enjoy, handpicked by your librarians.

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## Recommended Books

All ages

**Mr. Popper's Penguins**

Richard Atwater



*J Atwater*

The unexpected delivery of a large crate containing an Antarctic penguin changes the life and fortunes of Mr. Popper, a house painter obsessed by dreams of the Polar regions.

**Wishtree**

Katherine Applegate



*J Applegate*

A red oak tree and a crow help their human neighbors work out their differences.

### The Penderwicks (series)

Jeanne Birdsall

While vacationing with their widowed father in the Berkshire Mountains, four lovable sisters, ages four through twelve, share adventures with a local boy, much to the dismay of his snobbish mother.



J Birdsall

### The Mouse and the Motorcycle

Beverly Cleary

A reckless young mouse named Ralph makes friends with a boy in room 215 of the Mountain View Inn and discovers the joys of motorcycling.



J Cleary

### How to Train Your Dragon

Cressida Cowell

Chronicles the adventures and misadventures of Hiccup Horrendous Haddock the Third as he tries to pass the important initiation test of his Viking clan, the Tribe of the Hairy Hooligans, by catching and training a dragon.



J Cowell

### The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane

Kate DiCamillo

Edward Tulane, a cold-hearted and proud toy rabbit, loves only himself until he is separated from the little girl who adores him and travels across the country, acquiring new owners and listening to their hopes, dreams, and histories.



J DiCamillo

### Fortunately, The Milk

Neil Gaiman

While picking up milk for his children's cereal, a father is abducted by aliens and finds himself on a wild adventure through time and space.



J Gaiman

### Where the Mountain Meets the Moon

Grace Lin

Minli, an adventurous girl from a poor village, buys a magical goldfish, and then joins a dragon who cannot fly on a quest to find the Old Man of the Moon in hopes of bringing life to Fruitless Mountain and freshness to Jade River.



J Lin

### My Father's Dragon

Ruth Stiles

A young boy runs away from home to rescue an abused baby dragon held captive to serve as a free twenty-four hour, seven-days-a-week ferry for the lazy wild animals living on Wild Island.



J Stiles

## Recommended Books

### Longer stories that appeal to older children

### The Wishing Spell (series)

Chris Colfer

Through the mysterious powers of a cherished book of stories, twins Alex and Conner leave their world behind and find themselves in a foreign land full of wonder and magic where they come face-to-face with the fairy tale characters they grew up reading about.



YT Colfer

### Gregor the Overlander (series)

Suzanne Collins

When eleven-year-old Gregor and his two-year-old sister are pulled into a strange underground world, they trigger an epic battle involving men, bats, rats, cockroaches, and spiders while on a quest foretold by ancient prophecy.



YT Collins

### Wildwood (trilogy)

Colin Meloy

When her baby brother is kidnapped by crows, seventh-grader Prue McKeel ventures into the forbidden Impassable Wilderness--a dangerous and magical forest in the middle of Portland, Oregon--and soon finds herself involved in a war among the various inhabitants.



YT Meloy

### Hatchet (series)

Gary Paulsen

After a plane crash, thirteen-year-old Brian spends fifty-four days in the Canadian wilderness, learning to survive with only the aid of a hatchet given him by his mother, and learning also to survive his parents' divorce.



YT Paulsen

### The Emerald Atlas (series)

John Stephens

Kate, Michael, and Emma have passed from one orphanage to another in the ten years since their parents disappeared to protect them, but now they learn that they have special powers, a prophesied quest to find a magical book, and a fearsome enemy.



YT Stephens

### The Mysterious Benedict Society (series)

Trent Lee Stewart

After passing a series of mind-bending tests, four children are selected for a secret mission that requires them to go undercover at the Learning Institute for the Very Enlightened, where the only rule is that there are no rules.



YT Stewart

